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providing a record retrieval program;
providing an input device within a window or screen of the operating system and configured to enter and execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information sources using the record retrieval program;
using said record retrieval program to enter first information into search fields provided in said record retrieval program;
entering the execute command using the input device after the step of entering the first information;
searching, using the record retrieval program, the local and remote information sources for second information associated with the first information;
displaying the second information in said record retrieval program, when one of the local and remote information sources includes second information associated with the first information; and
storing the first information in the local information source if no second information associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information sources during said searching step.

27. (NEW) The method of claim 1 wherein the displaying step further comprises:

marking the second information found in the local information source as consistent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second information associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote information sources;

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marking the second information found in the local information source as consistent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second information associated with the first information is found in only the local information source; and displaying the marked second information in said record retrieval program.

RESPONSE

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